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SUBJECT: EXPANSION OF JAPAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS' (JNR)
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO FEDERAL RAIL ADMINISTRATION'S
(FRA) NORTHEAST CORRIDOR PROJECT (NECP)

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1. DURING FRA VISIT BY TATSUYA ISHIHARA, SPECIAL ASSISTANT
TO JNR PRESIDENT, EXPANSION OF JNR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO
NECP WAS DISCUSSED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) COOPERATIVE ASSISTANCE WOULD BE AIMED AT APPLICA-
-- TION OF ADVANCED JNR TECHNOLOGY TO NECP;
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(B) ASSISTANCE WOULD BE PROVIDED AT NO, REPEAT NO,
-- EXPENSE TO USG, SUBJECT TO GOJ BUDGETARY AND
-- OTHER APPROVAL;

(C) JNR PERSONNEL WOULD PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
IN SUCH AREAS AS: (I) SIGNALS; (II) COMMUNICA-

TIONS; (III) ELECTRIFICATION; (IV) OPERATIONS;

- (V) MAINTENANCE SYSTEMS INCLUDING ROLLING
- STOCK MAINTENANCE AND (VI) FREIGHT-COMMUTER-
- INTERCITY TRAIN OPERATION;

(D) APPOINTMENT OF A RESIDENT JNR LIAISON OFFICER

- ON A FULL-TIME BASIS TO DEVELOP TECHNICAL
- ASSISTANCE STAFF ; AND

(E) DEVELOPMENT OF AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR FAMILIAR-

- IZATION OF NECP PERSONNEL WITH JNR OPERATION
- IN JAPAN.

2. APPRECIATE EMBASSY (1) COMMUNICATING TO MOT/JNR DOT DESIRE TO DEVELOP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ALONG GENERAL LINES OUTLINED IN 1 ABOVE; (2) INDICATING IMMEDIATE DOT NEED FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE SIGNAL AND ROLLING STOCK MAINTENANCE AREAS; (3) ASCERTAINING MOT'S ENDORSEMENT OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND (4) IDENTIFYING FOR DOT MOT AND JNR OFFICIALS TO WHOM SUBSEQUENT CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS CONCERNING BEST MEANS OF FORMALIZING PROGRAM. VANCE

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